

In the Specification

Amend page 1, lines 15-17, of the substitute specification as follows:

EP 1 140 317 B1 (corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,641,726) discloses a device used for continuous filtration of fluids by a pressure drop between an inlet and outlet of the device and for squeezing the remaining amounts of unfiltered material by a pneumatic pressurized medium before opening. The device has

Amend page 8, lines 10-12 of the substitute specification as follows:

Conversely, DE 102 29 291 (corresponding to WO 2004/002606) proposes an improved filter material in the form of a deep-bed filter layer, comprising a support layer forming passages, with a first type of plastic fibers and with a definable proportion of native fibers. The first type of fibers are made as bicomponent fibers having a core with a high melting point, which core is surrounded by a jacket with a conversely lower melting point. In the filter material, a wet-proofing agent is provided and selected from the group of epichlorohydrin resins and/or melamine formaldehyde resins. This agent results in an essentially shrink-free, stable filter matrix structure with reliable connecting points with which constant filtration properties can be achieved, as well as extremely fine separation processes in order to be able to separate extremely small parts, such as microorganisms or proteins and protein substances, from fluid solutions. Such deep-bed filter layers are, therefore, especially suited for the filter device of the present invention. The solution of the present invention is furthermore characterized in that the filter media 32, 34 extend cloth-like with an essentially square cross section over the frame parts 16. In this way, they can be fixed by pressing between two frame parts 16.